

**PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA****Consumer Protection Services Program**

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September 30, 2004

Citation No. 04-05-0116

Michael Vincent DeGuzman Bigay
410 E Merced Apt E
West Covina CA 91790

CITATION

Investigation of a complaint submitted revealed actions taken by you which violate sections of the law regulating the practice of physical therapy.

A Citation is hereby issued to you in accordance with Section 125.9 of the Business and Professions Code for the violations described below.

The Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) received a complaint alleging that you were practicing physical therapy without the proper supervision by a licensed physical therapist. On July 26, 2004, an employee of the Board, Dennis Patzer and Arlette Godges, Physical Therapy Expert, conducted an onsite visit to Preferred Rehab Center in West Covina. At the clinic, you, Michael Vincent DeGuzman Bigay, Physical Therapist Licensed Applicant and Sharon Reyes, physical therapist aide were found treating patients autonomously. Based on the onsite visit it has been confirmed that you practiced physical therapy without a valid license.

FIRST CAUSE FOR CITATION

1. 2630 of the Business and Professions Code

It is unlawful for any person or persons to practice or offer to practice, physical therapy in this state for compensation received or expected, or to hold himself or herself out as a physical therapist, unless at the time of so doing the person holds a valid, unexpired, and unrevoked license issued under this chapter.

SECOND CAUSE FOR CITATION

2. 1399.10 of the California Code of Regulations

Supervision of Physical Therapist Licensed Applicant

ORDER

Further, **you are ordered to pay a fine of \$ 1000.00** to the Physical Therapy Board of California within 30 days after receipt of this Citation.

If you wish to contest all or any part of this Citation, complete the enclosed "Notice of Appeal -Request for Informal Conference" form and return it to this office within 10 days after receipt of this Citation. The date indicated on the order of abatement will be held in abeyance only for any violation(s) you wish to contest. The time to correct all uncontested violations will be adhered to as specified. In the alternative, you may, within 30 days after receipt of this Citation, request a formal administrative hearing before an administrative law judge under the Administrative Procedure Act.

FAILURE TO RETURN THE REQUEST FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE FORM OR TO REQUEST AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING WITHIN THE TIMES INDICATED WILL WAIVE YOUR RIGHT TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTEST OR APPEAL THIS CITATION.

Administrative Fine

\$ 1000.00

FOR YOUR PROTECTION AND TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT,
PLEASE RETURN THE COPY OF THE CITATION
AND NOTE THE CITATION NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK
OR MONEY ORDER.

September 30, 2004
Date

Original Signed By:

STEVEN K. HARTZELL
Executive Officer

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ORDER OF ABATEMENT

September 30, 2004

Citation Against: Michael Vincent Deguzman Bigay

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First Cause:Violations: Business and Professions Code Section 2630 .Description:

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Second Cause:Violations: California Code of Regulations Section 1399.10 .Description:

Supervision of Physical Therapist Licensed Applicant

Order of Correction

You are hereby ordered to abate this violation immediately and to cease and desist from further violation.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Citation and Order of Abatement within 30 days of receipt may result in further legal action.